

### ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Sir/Madam:

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of Board of Regents, The University of Texas System with regard to the following matter:

U.S. Patent Maintenance  
Title: Cell-Free Tissue Replacement for Tissue Engineering  
Patent No.: 7,402,319  
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I hereby assert that the organization identified above is entitled to small entity status by virtue of its classification as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(3).

Board of Regents, The University of Texas System qualifies as a nonprofit organization because the exclusive rights to the above-referenced invention has been assigned by the inventors to Board of Regents, The University of Texas System. Board of Regents, The University of Texas System has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in the invention to any person, concern, or organization which would not qualify as a person, small business concern, or a nonprofit organization. Furthermore, Board of Regents, The University of Texas System is an organization of the type described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Having fulfilled the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(3), Board of Regents, The University of Texas System is qualified for small entity status as a nonprofit organization.

#### BOARD OF REGENTS, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM

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